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NOTIFICATION

Whereas the State Government has deemed it expedient and necessary to frame schemes with regard to grant of Scholarships to the differently able students to assist them to secure academic education and technical or professional training so as to enable them to earn livelihood and to become useful members of the society.

And whereas, this scheme will be applicable to all categories of the local, poor and needy differently able students who are pursuing their education within or outside the State but within the Country.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (d) Section 30 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995(1 of 1996), the State Government hereby makes the following schemes regulating grant of Scholarships to Students with disabilities, namely:-

Short title and commencement 1. (1) These scheme may be called the Sikkim Grant of Scholarship to Students with disabilities, Scheme, 2014.
(2) They shall come into force at once.

Definition 2. In these scheme, unless the context otherwise requires;

- (a) "Act" means the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995;
- (b) "Department" means the Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department in the Government of Sikkim;
- (c) "Disability" means the disabilities as defined in clause (i) of Section 2 of the Act;

- (d) "Medical Authorities" means the Medical Authorities as constituted vide Notification No: 9/SJE&WD dated 28.12.2013;
- (e) "Government" means the State Government of Sikkim;
- (f) "local" means a local resident belonging to either Bhutia, Lepcha or Nepali Community possessing Sikkim Subject Certificate or Certificate of Identification (self or father) as the case may be;
- (g) "poor and needy" means the student having no regular source of income of his/her own or through financial support from family members i.e. the parents should posses the Below Poverty Line Certificate or Income certificate issued by Gram Vikash Adhikari of the locality and is non-recipient of any other financial aid from the State Government/Central Government or any other sources;
- (h) "Scholarship" means any form of financial aid/incentive paid or reimbursed by the Government either in cash or books, stationery, uniforms, allowances etc. The Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension or Subsistence Allowance as the case shall also be deemed as scholarship within the meaning of its definition;
- (i) "Selection Committee" means the Selection Committee constituted under paragraph 4;
- (j) Any other words or phrases used in this scheme, but not herein defined, shall have the meaning as assigned to them in the Act.

Amount of Scholarship	3. The amount of scholarship payable to each student shall be such as may be notified by the Government from time to time.
Selection Committee	<p>4. There shall be a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose of selection and recommendation of the name of eligible students for drawl of scholarship consisting of the following members, namely:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Joint Secretary, Social Welfare Division - Member (ii) Social Welfare Officer and any other senior Officer of the Social Welfare Division nominated by the Secretary-in-Charge of the Department. - Member (iii) Senior Accounts Officer/Accounts Officer - Member
Eligibility for Scholarship	<p>5. (1) The student should be in the age group of 05 (five) years and above and is suffering from not less than 40% of disabilities as certified by the Medical authorities for the disabilities as defined in section 2 (t) of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995;</p> <p>(2) The Student should be a regular student of any recognized College or University or School of recognized Board and the scholarship will be granted only on production of the Certificate from the Head of the Institution of the College and School;</p>

- (3) If any student fails to pass the examination in one sitting of the particular academic session, he/she shall not be entitled for the scholarship for the repeated Class;
- (4) The Student should therefore submit his claim for payment/reimbursement of the scholarship on every first month of the academic year duly endorsed by the Head of Institution;
- (5) The Students who are availing similar scholarship from other departments, Government of Sikkim or Ministries shall not be eligible for the scholarship under this scheme.

Authority Competent to Sanction Scholarship

- 6. The Authority Competent to sanction scholarship shall be the Secretary-in Charge, Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department.

Procedure for Application

- 7. Application for scholarship shall be made in plain paper along with three passport size photograph, Father's Sikkim Subject Certificate or Certificate of Identification as the case may be {in case, the student is below 18 (eighteen) years} of age, Parent's B.P.L Certificate or Income Certificate issued by the Gram Vikash Adhikari of the respective Block Administrative Centers and date of birth issued by Births and Deaths Cell of Health Care, Human Services & Family Welfare Department or any valid document containing date of birth and Certificate and Mark sheet from the College or School as applicable.

Procedure of grant of scholarship

- 8. (1) On receipt of an application, the same shall be scrutinized by the Selection Committee regarding age, Sikkim Subject Certificate, Certificate of Identification, B.P.L Certificate/Income Certificate etc. and on complete/satisfactory documents, approval shall be accorded by the Secretary;
- (2) A copy of the order for the grant and payment of scholarship shall be endorsed to the District Collector, Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Accounts Section of the Social Welfare Division, Gram Vikash Adhikari and Panchayat where the student actually resides and the student himself/herself.

Payment of Scholarship

- 9. (1) The Secretary-in-Charge, Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department shall be the competent authority for the grant and payment of scholarship;
- (2) The scholarship shall be distributed through Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme or any other mode as may be decided by the Sanctioning/Competent Authority from time to time;
- (3) The details of the scholarship/maintenance of accounts etc. shall be maintained by the Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department.

Supply of Books, Stationery and Uniform

10. The Human Resource Development Department shall provide special books free of costs, including text books, uniforms and other materials to students with disabilities attending School as required under clause (f) of Section 27 and clause (c) of Section 30 of the Act.

Verification

11. If required, the concerned officer of the Social Welfare Division of Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department shall make verification for the continued existence of the student in the University, College or School as the case may be along with other relevant particulars.

Intimation of death of the student

12. In the event of death of the student, the family member/ Panchayat or the Head of Institution shall make report to the Department and also surrender the passbook immediately.

Cessation of scholarship.

13. (1) The scholarship shall cease to be drawn from the date of death of the student, failing to pass in the particular Examination conducted by the University or Board and permanent migration to outside Sikkim;

(2) Each student shall submit "Life Certificate" in the prescribed format in the month of February every year duly certified by the Head of Institution of the College or School where the student is studying and failing to submit the same, it will be presumed that the student is either died or migrated to outside Sikkim or failed in the particular class of the academic session and the payment of scholarship shall be stopped forthwith without further notice.

Penalty.

14. The Sanctioning authority shall have the right to recover payments made on the basis of false or mistaken information, if any, about eligibility and death of the student.

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